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The following databases are available free to all NYC School libraries.



Provided by the New York State Library, **NOVELNY** is an online virtual library connecting New Yorkers to 21st century information via local libraries statewide. **NOVELNY** is currently supported with temporary federal Library Services and Technology Act funds. New Century Libraries is an important statewide funding initiative currently before the Legislature that proposes permanent state funding for **NOVELNY**. **NOVELNY** Databases is an electronic database access project that provides online access to the full text of hundreds of journals, newspapers and other references.

To access the **NOVELNY** databases, all school librarians must register with **NOVELNY**.

Please complete the online registration form at

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/library/novel/database/register.htm>.

If you are not sure if your school has previously registered or you would like to update your contact information, please contact the **NOVELNY** Helpdesk at (877) 277-0259.

EBSCOHost Databases:

- **Primary Search (with the Searchasaurus/Kid's Search interfaces)** -- designed specifically for the young researcher, it contains full text articles for 72 popular, elementary school magazines. All full text articles are assigned a reading level indicator. It also features Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia, the American Heritage Children's Dictionary and the Encyclopedia of Animals. There is full text for over 100 pamphlets and an image collection containing over 400,972 photos, maps and flags.

Gale Databases:

- **Health and Wellness Resource Center** -- an upgrade from the previous *Health Reference Center-Academic*; a source for both medical care professionals and consumers concerning important health information with over 650 full-text titles.

- **Business & Company Resources Center (BCRC)** -- brings together a wide variety of global business information including over 300,000 company profiles, the *Thompson Financial Securities Data* and *Investext* reports. It contains 2,850 full-text titles.
- **Gale Newspapers (InfoTrac Custom Newspapers, National Newspaper Index, and New York Custom Newspapers)** – full-text coverage of hundreds of local, regional, national, and foreign titles with nearly 46 million articles and counting.
- **Twayne's Author Series** -- features the content of over 600 books that comprise three print series: *United States Authors*, *English Authors* and *World Authors*. This series is devoted to literary critical interpretation and discussion for readers ranging from high school students through college and above.

Grolier Databases:

- **Grolier Encyclopedia Americana** -- comprehensive coverage of the arts, society, geography, history, philosophy, religion, sports, science, and technology. It also contains thousands of maps, flags, tables, and illustrations and extensive links to articles, Web sites, periodicals and bibliographies for middle school and beyond.
- **Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia** -- concise articles on geography, history, government, language, literature, religion, technology, the arts and sciences with links to articles, Web sites, periodicals, and bibliographies and extensive media resources including photographs, videos, and interactive maps.
- **New Book of Knowledge** -- Fun, easy-to-use, general reference resource helps students gain access to a wide range of topics for elementary school and beyond; also good for English Language Learners. It also offers teacher resources including Question of the Day and Wonder Questions and WEB FEAT! containing educational games, activities, quizzes, and more.

ProQuest Databases:

- **ProQuest® Platinum** – with more than 2,000 journals and magazines, plus targeted newspaper coverage highlighting the leading international, national, and regional newspapers provides comprehensive research solutions to support advanced study and college-prep curricula.



PASSWORD: NYCDOE

TeachingBooks.net (<http://www.teachingbooks.net/>) provides original, in-studio movies of authors and illustrators and a wealth of multimedia resources on K-12 books that generate enthusiasm for books and reading.



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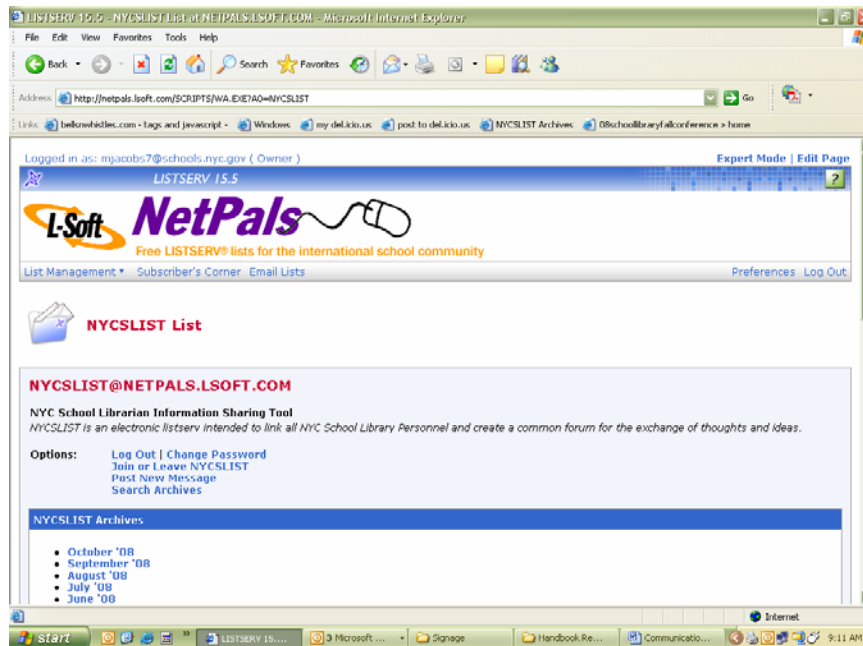
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NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL LIBRARIAN INFORMATION SHARING TOOL (NYCSLIST)

<http://netpals.lsoft.com/archives/nycslist.html>

NYCSLIST is an electronic list intended to link all NYC School Library Personnel and create a common forum for the exchange of thoughts, skills, and ideas. The focus of the list is on issues, concerns, and celebrations of school library media personnel throughout the New York City School Library System.



- ✓ To subscribe to NYCSLIST, register through the webpage at <http://netpals.lsoft.com/archives/nycslist.html>.
 1. Click on “Join or Leave NYCSLIST.”
 2. Enter your full name, NYC DOE e-mail address and click on submit.
 3. You will receive a confirmation in the e-mail account you registered with. Click on the link in the e-mail to confirm registration.
 4. From the “Join or Leave the NYCLIST List” page, users can also update personal settings including subscription type (regular, digest, or index form), mail header style (listserv-style, with list name in subject is preferred), acknowledgments, and disable mail delivery.

- ✓ Once registered, messages can be posted to the list by sending e-mail to NYCSLIST@NETPALS.LSOFT.COM or by posting a message via the Web page at <http://netpals.lsoft.com/archives/nycslist.html>...just click on **“Post New Message.”**
- ✓ Creating a password for NYCSLIST
 1. To manage your personal settings and search the archives, users need to create a password at <http://netpals.lsoft.com/archives/nycslist.html>. Click on **“Get a New LISTSERV Password.”**
 2. Enter the e-mail address you registered for NYCSLIST with and create a password.
 3. You will receive a confirmation in your e-mail account. Click on the link in the e-mail to confirm your new password.
 4. After you confirm your new password, return to the NYCSLIST Web page at <http://netpals.lsoft.com/archives/nycslist.html> and log in. Enter your email address and password and click on **“Log In.”**
- ✓ All postings to the list are archived and can be searched.
 1. To search the archives, click on **“Search Archives”** from the NYCSLIST webpage at <http://netpals.lsoft.com/archives/nycslist.html>.
 2. You will be prompted to enter your password and e-mail account. Enter your email address and password and click on **“Log In.”**
 3. To search the archives by month, click on the month listed.
 4. To search the archives by subject or author, click on **“Search Archives”** and type in a keyword in the “Search for String” box. The search can be narrowed by including the author’s email address and can specify a date and/or time of the posting. Results also can be sorted in a variety of ways.

NYCSLIST ETIQUETTE

1) Please remember NYCSLIST is a professional list and all postings are archived. To make the list user-friendly, please post using detailed topic subject lines and the pertinent school level:

- **E** for Elementary
- **MS** for Middle School
- **HS** for High School
- **ALL** for all school library personnel

Examples of sample subject lines:

Subject: E: Flexible Schedules and Collaborative Planning with Teachers

Subject: MS: Books for Reluctant Readers in 7th Grade

Subject: HS: Electronic Databases Appropriate for a 10th Grade Global History Unit

Subject: ALL: Automating a School Library: Wisdom to Share

2) If you would like to respond to a posting that everyone on NYCSLIST will see, click on **“REPLY.”** REPLY will send your response to **everyone** on NYCSLIST. **If you are responding to just the individual who posted, please click on “FORWARD” and re-route the e-mail to the person’s e-mail.**

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Melissa Jacobs-Israel, Coordinator, NYC School Library System, at [mjacob7@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:mjacobs7@schools.nyc.gov) or libraries@schools.nyc.gov.

NYC SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM

SCHOOL LIBRARY PERSONNEL SURVEY (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Librarian: If there is more than one librarian at a school, please make copies and have each librarian complete this portion.
Attach all sheets together with the school information before returning to School Library Services.

Name: _____

Title: _____

DOE E-Mail Address: _____@schools.nyc.gov

Home Address (For Summer PD purposes only):

Check which applies:

☐ Teacher Assigned

☐ Certified SLMS

☐ Attending Library School

License _____

Home Phone #: _____ Alternate E-Mail Address: _____

School Information

DBN: _____ SSO: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel.: School: _____ Fax: _____

Library (*direct line*): _____

Principal:

Principal E-Mail address:

_____@schools.nyc.gov

School Type (*Please check all that apply*):

☐ Public

☐ Non-Public

☐ *Multi-School Building

Grade Levels:

*Multi-School buildings, please list all the schools you serve:

DBN: _____ School Name: _____ SSO: _____

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NYC SCHOOL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Program (*Please check which applies*):

- ☐ Cluster? # of classes per week ____.
- ☐ Partially Flexible? # of classes per week ____.
- ☐ Fully Flexible?

Automation system:

Please return updated form to:

NYC School Library System, 52 Chambers Street, Room 208, New York, New York 10007

Fax# (212)374-5901

Attention: Barbara A. Jackson